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To: County AOD Program Administrators, Third-party Software Vendors and County
               AOD Data Coordinators

Subject: Final changes for CADDS/DATAR Remediation Project

Thank you for your review and input on the proposed changes for the CADDS/DATAR Remediation Project -- the short-term Phase I project to modify the California Alcohol and Drug Data System (CADDS) and the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR). We have received supportive feedback from counties, third-party software vendors and providers on our proposed changes. We also received ideas for additional modifications that will be considered for Phase II – Analysis of CADDS and Licensing & Certification Project.

Beginning July 1, 2001, three changes have been made to the **Principal Source of Referral** area of CADDS. Number Six has been modified to clarify when a client is referred from the Court/Criminal Justice but is not a SACPA client. Number Nine and Number Ten have been added to identify SACPA clients coming from the courts or probation offices or SACPA clients coming from the State parole offices. These modifications are listed as follows.

Field 10. PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF REFERRAL

1. Individual (Includes self-referral)
2. Alcohol/Drug Abuse Care Program
3. Other Health Care Provider
4. School (Educational)
5. Employer/EAP

6. **Non-SACPA Court/Criminal Justice**
7. 12 Step mutual aid (AA, Al-Anon, etc.)
8. Other Community Referral
9. **SACPA Court/Probation**
10. **SACPA Parole**

For DATAR, two new SACPA questions will be added to the monthly DATAR form that monitors access to treatment (see attachments). We received no recommendations on our suggested changes to the DATAR forms.

We will be distributing CADDS and DATAR forms early in June 2001. At the same time, both the CADDS and the DATAR instructions will be updated and distributed to help you plan for use beginning July 1, 2001. Third party vendors and those counties that have proprietary automated systems that collect CADDS and DATAR information will need to have their forms and systems modified and their staffs trained for implementation on July 1, 2001.

Key completion dates for these changes are:

> April 16, 2001 – ADP began developing computer code for changes
> May 15, 2001 – ADP begins system testing
> June 1, 2001 –Interface testing period with selected counties/providers begins
> June 11, 2001 – Distribute new CADDS and DATAR forms
> July 1, 2001 – CADDS/DATAR changes are implement by State, vendors, counties, and providers

We will be using the monthly Automation Steering Committee (ASC) as one of the vehicles for communicating on this project. You or your representative are invited to attend. Our next ASC meeting is scheduled for May 7th and it will be held at the State ADP office from 1:30 to 4:00 PM.

Look for additional information about data collection projects coming soon on ADP's Website www.adp.cahwnet.gov.

Thank you for your time and efforts on this important project.

Sincerely,

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Attachments
Final CADDS Form Changes, DATAR Form Changes, Final CADDS Technical Specifications

cc: SACPA Lead Agencies (with initial April 5, 2001 communication enclosed)